

# Hour Sales Tomoppe

A great number look forward to these Friday Hour Sales as offering the most surprising buying opportunities ever afforded. The fact of the matter is that there's a clear and actual money loss on every item advertised below—but we charge it to advertising account and figure that the host of friends we make amply repays us. You who know the Hecht Stores will not fail to take advantage of the little pricing which is to crowd the store. If you've yet to become acquainted with the Hecht Stores there's a world of price-saving reasons why you should come tomorrow. And, notwithstanding the astonishing smallness of prices, there's credit for the asking.

8 to 9.

Men's Fleece-lined Underwear. pink and flesh color, selling everywhere at 75c.-44c. Lancaster Apron Ginghams, blue and brown checks, regularly 7c. vel.-37/8c.

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Waterproof Felt Window Shades, all colors, with fixtures complete-67/sc.

Best quality 5-4 Colored Table Oilcloth, handsome patterns, worth 20c. vard-101/2c. Best Grade Stair or Runner Oil-

cloth, pretty patterns and colors -57/sc. vd. Ladies' Walking Skirts, black and

Oxford gray, excellent grades, -for this hour \$1.98. Men's White Madras Shirts, elegant quality, including one pair laundered cuffs, regularly 75c .-

adies' Swiss Ribbed Underwear, fleece lined, selling usually at

Boys' Fleece-lined Underwear, well made, sells at 50c.—23c.

Boys' Reefer Suits, elegantly made, several styles-very special at 99c.

Boys' Percale Shirt Waists, strongly made for school wear-91/2c. Children's Spring Heel Shoes, broken sizes-6 to 8-sellusually at 60c .- 35c.

little Gents' Veal Calf Spring Heel Shoes, sizes 9 to 131/2, always sell at 98c.-68c. hildren's Muslin Drawers, well

made-81/2c. ot of Slightly Soiled Corset Cov-

ers, all nicely trimmed, all sizes, were 25c.—121/2c. Fea Toweling, bleached and unbleached, double twill, regularly

7c. yd.-27/8c. Heavy Fleeced Shaker Flannel, soft finish, sell regularly at 7c.

Domet Flannel Skirt Patterns, all colors, regularly selling at 25c.

per pattern-19c. Wool Plaids, full yard wide, elegant for school dresses, sells at 25c. yd.—10½c.

# 10 to 11.

Ladies' Cloth Overgaiters-16c. Ladies' Elegantly Made Dress Skirts, Black and Blue Gilbert Cheviots, some trimmed with six rows satin bands, S. H. & M. binding, full flare bottoms, very special for this hour at \$3.98.

Boys' Laundered Percale Shirts, including 2 laundered collars, excellently made-sell at 75c.-

hildren's Heavy Ribbed Fast Black Hose, very serviceable for school or dress, regularly 25c .-

ot of Torchon Laces, with insertings to match, sell at 8c. yard

Lot of Infants' Caps, elaborately made of best materials, sold from 50c. to \$1.00-25c.

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### 10 to 11.

Ladies' Underskirts, deep pleated flounces, black and white stripe washable material, the grade always selling at 69c.-39c. Ladies' Long and Short Corsets,

white and gray, lace trimmed-Ladies' Dongola Button Shoes,

new shapes, nice quality, sell at \$1.25-75c. Ladies' Comfortable House Slip-

pers, well made and nice looking, 75c. value-39c. Broken sizes in Ladies' Oxford Ties, the grade selling at \$1.75

Popular Sheet Music, slightly soiled-some of the latest hitsretails at music stores at 25c. ---7c.

Heavy 10-4 Blankets, tan and gray, pretty borders-25c. White Applique Scarfs and Shams,

also Centerpieces, worth up to 30c.-15c. Best Quality Holland Window

Shades, all colors, with fixtures complete-19c. Wool Ingrain Carpet Lengths,

suitable for rugs, pretty colors and newest designs, worth up to

Unbleached Sheeting Muslin, full yard wide, regularly 8c. yard-Black Imported Silk Velvet, rich,

black finish-159 yards in the lot-sells always at \$1.00 yard Black Wool Storm Serge, double

twill, hard twist yarn, 40 inches wide, value always 35c. yard-Genuine Eclipse Flannelettes, all

colors and styles, sell at 15c. vard-978c. Odd lot All-silk Taffetas, about 10

colors, sell always at 69c. and 75c. yard-25c. Boys' Corduroy Knee Pants, all sizes, the non-wear-out quality

Boys' Knee Pants, strongly made, and durable-121/2c.

Special lot of Boys' Fine Figured Silk Vests, for dress, sizes 3 to years, several colors, double breasted, some with shields, some without; made to sell for \$2.00-very special at 49c.

Fleeced Flannelettes, gray and colors, suitable for wrappers; regularly selling for 10c. yard-478C.

All-wool Flannels for ladies' waists, 15 shades, elegant quality; sell at 45c. yard-25c.

Honeycomb Towels, bleached and unbleached, large size; real value, 6c. each-278c.

All-wool Cheviots, in new blue, mode and Oxford gray; 52 ins. wide; regularly 75c. yd.—39c. Ladies' Fine Black and Blue Cheviot Serge Skirts, circular flounce, three rows of stitching, double-stitched seams, bias vel-- veteen facing-you've seen such skirts marked to sell at \$5.00 or so-\$2.29.

## 11 to 12.

Ladies' Beautifully Made Black Taffeta Silk Dress Skirts, highest grade and very dressy, trimmed with seven rows of ribbon quilling; such skirts sell at \$15

-\$9.98. Special lot of Ladies' Cloth Suits, nicely made in the newest styles, a variety of materials-very small priced for this hour-

Ladies' Very Fine Taffeta Silk Waists, black and colors, made in elegant styles, high-grade garments-for this hour, \$3.98.

Ladies' English Kersey Capes, elegantly made and trimmed with 4 rows of silk stitching, suitable for early fall wear-Ladies' Very Fine Black Kersey

Coats, to be worn extensively this fall-Romaine lining-special at \$6.08. Lot of Valenciennes Laces and

ways selling at 15c.-5c. Cambric Embroideries and Insertings to match, nice quality, sell

Match Insertings, the grade al-

at 15c.-5c. No. 40 Taffeta Ribbons, pink, blue and white, very good grade, regularly 25c. vard—11c.

Heavy White Bed Spreads, good size, pretty designs, worth 59c. -39c.

Best Quality Holland Window Shades, trimmed with heavy fringe, all colors, complete with fixtures, worth 40c.—25c. Nottingham Lace Curtains, pretty

designs, white and cream, handsome novelty effects, worth up to \$2.00 pair-98c. Curtain Poles, 5 feet long, cherry,

walnut and oak finish, brass trimmings-141/2c. Best Quality 5-4 Colored Table Oilcloth, pretty designs-101/2c.

vard. Heavy Horse Hair Bristle Hair

Brushes, worth 15c.—9c. Men's Fine Quality Russet Shoes, extension soles, have been selling at \$3.00—\$1.98.

Boys' Good Grade Russet Shoes splendid for wear and good looking, regularly \$1.50-85c. Misses' Dongola Spring Heel Shoes, nice looking and service-

able, sell at \$1.00-68c. A very special offering of your choice from all the light batiste and lawn wrappers-to be closed out regardless of cost and value -pay to buy for next season, if

not for this-choice, 44c. Dresses for the little ones, fast colors, dark navy and red-figured percales, sizes 1 to 3 years

Infants' Long and Short Bedford

Cord Coats, daintily trimmed, nicely made-\$1.98. Black Mercerized Satine Waists,

tucked back and front, equal to a silk waist, worth always \$1.98 Children's White Aprons, extra well made, 6 to 12 years-25c.

Boys' Knee Pants, unusually well made, some with double seat and double knees, all wool, very serviceable for school wear-Boys' Century Cloth Waists, dark

blue, stripe effects, suitable for school dress-sell usually at 29c.

## 11 to 12.

Boys' All-wool Knee Pants, elegant for school wear and nice looking-25c.

Lot of Boys' Light-weight Top Coats, in black unfinished worsteds and tan covert, sizes 12, 13, 14 and 15 years, not one sold for less than \$5.00-very special while they last-this hour for \$1.98.

### 12 to 1.

Men's Good Quality Shoes, mostly No. 9; sell up to \$2.00-89c. White Applique Scarfs, Shams and Centerpieces; worth up to

30c.-15c. Pretty Nottingham Lace Curtains, several styles; worth 60c. pair-39c.

Ladies' Fine. Grade Walking or Rainy Day Skirts, very stylishly made-special for this hour at \$4.98.

Children's Gloria Umbrellas, made on Paragon frame, steel rod; value 75c.—39c.

Boys' All-wool Suits, finely made, suitable for dress, guaranteed to wear; sold usually at \$5.00-\$2.98.

### to 2.

White Wool Flannel, soft finish, extra good quality; sells at 19c. yard-117/8c. Ladies' Silk Gloria Umbrellas,

fancy handles; selling at \$1.29 .--85c. Cream Curtain Scrim, pretty patterns, 36 inches wide; worth 5c.

vard-27/8c. Bed Comforts, heavy weight, full double size, pretty patterns-79c.

Hand Scrubs-2c. Boys' High-grade Patent Leather Shoes, new shapes, suitable for dress; sell at \$2.00 \$1.23.

Men's Plain Patent Leather Shoes, elegant quality; selling usually at \$3.50-\$1.69.

Ladies' Black Hose Supporters, with belt-7c. pair.

Heavy White California Wool Blankets, pretty borders; worth \$3.00 pair-\$1.98. Best Grade Holland Window

Shades, all colors, with fixtures complete-19c.

Ladies' Muslin and Cambric Gowns, Drawers, Skirts and Corset Covers, all nice quality and well made-39c. Boys' Good Wearing Knee Pants,

very substantial-81/2c. Boys' Fine Percale Shirt Waists -12½c.

Lot of Ladies' Fine Tailor-made Cloth Suits, in newest fall styles,

# to 3.

in Cheviots, Venetian Cloths, Broadcloths, etc., blue, black and brown, Eton and coat effects, very stylish and high grade-for this hour only-\$12.50.

Ladies' Patent Leather Oxfords, made with French heel, very dainty and nice quality-\$2.50 regularly-\$1.39.

Red and Navy Blue Twilled All-Wool Flannels, real value 25c. yd.—19c.

Fall Percales, in light and dark colors, 36 inches wide, the 10c. and 121/2c. qualities-71/2c. Ladies' Cloth Overgaiters-16c.

Navy Blue, Mixed Blue and Brown Thibet Pedestrian Skirts, stitched bottoms and strapped seams, a handsome and very stylish garment—special at \$6.08 Ladies' Very Fine Black and lish garment-special at \$6.98. Ladies' Fine Taffeta Silk Waists,

black and colored, all high grade and newest styles-for this hour, 2 \$3.49.

Men's 28-inch Gloria Umbrellas, extra good quality, the \$1.25 grade-85c.

Turkey Red and Bleached Table Linens, full 58 inches wide, value, 29c. yard—1878c. Fast Black Moire Percaline, 36 🕏

inches wide, sells everywhere at 121/2c. yard-67/8c. Bleached Ready-made Sheets, hand torn and ironed, free from

dressing, regularly 45c. each-

Bleached Pillow Casing, free from dressing, 42 inches wide; regularly 121/2c. yard-87/8c. Ladies' Heavy Extension Sole

Oxfords, small priced at \$1.98-\$1.23. Ladies' and Misses' Dongola Spring Heel Shoes, the grade

always sold at \$1.50-08c. Curtain Poles, 5 feet long, cherry, walnut or oak finish, complete with brass fixtures—14½c. Heavy Floor Oilcloth, pretty de-

skirts, flounces and pleats-98c.

Boys' Well-made Shirt Waists-71/2C. Boys' All-wool Knee Pants—good 🛠

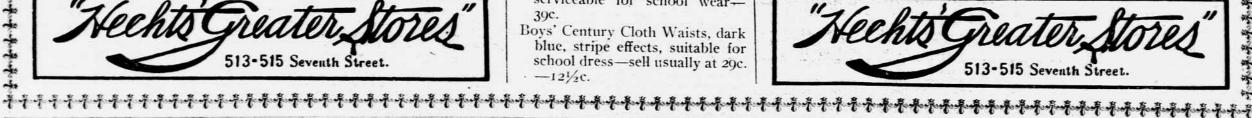
for school-25c. Boys' Double-breasted Suits, all cellent materials-\$1.49.

### 4 to 5.

Ladies' Cheviot Serge Skirts, made in very best manner, full for this hour only at \$1.98.

Women's Fast Black Hose, split soles, excellent quality-the 5oc.

Common-sense Lace Shoes for old



### EVENTS OFF SANTIAGO

CAPT. WISE TELLS OF MEETING THE FLYING SQUADRON.

Did Not Communicate Department's Information to Commodore Schley -Gives His Reasons

Admiral Cotton continued his testimony after 'The Star's report of the proceedings of the Schley court of inquiry was closed yesterday afternoon. He was followed by Captain Wise, who commanded the auxilfary cruiser Yale during the Spanish war. The Yale, like the Harvard, was used as a scout and met the flying squadron off Santiago on May 27 before the retrograde movement to Key West was begun.

Captain Wise testified that on the 27th of May he had signaled Captain Philip of the Texas his opinion that Cervera was inside the harbor at Santiago, but the testimony was ruled out.

Sampson's Dispatch of May 22. After The Star's report of the proceedings was closed, Mr. Hanna introduced a copy of a dispatch from Admiral Sampson, which had been received by the Harvard, tofore. It was stated that this message showed that it had been received May 25. The dispatch was in cipher and was directed to the Harvard at Mole, St. Nicholas. It

was translated by Lieutenant Beall and as

presented read

The Spanish squadron at Santiago: if previous to May 19 scout off Santiago. Communicate with Schley if he (they) moves west. Schley is expected May 24 at Santiago from Cienfuegos. Telegraph me from Nicholas Mole to Key West if he (they) move east, and leave letter for Schley. Then go to Santiago to meet him. I shall be at Cay Francis with squadron. If two scouts are available one should keep

added that if he had ever given that dispatch to Admiral Schley it had been on the 27th, and not on the 31st of May. Mr. Rayner here raised the point that the document read was a copy and not the original. He also called attention to the

partment. An animated controversy followed in which Mr. Rayner commented upon the (in his opinion) inaccuracy of the department reports. He demanded the original dispatch, and added:
"This is an inquiry and not a prosecution

fact that the document had not been print-

ed in the official reports of the Navy De-

and you are here to protect and vindicate Admiral Schley as much as we are." He said that Admiral Schiey had turned in all his papers and that Admiral Sampon's papers should also be available for the purposes of the court.

Captain Lemly then produced the original cipher copy of the dispatch. He asked the witness how he had received the mes-

sage and the latter replied:
"I received from the cable office on board
the Harvard at St: Nicholas Mole the dispatch of which this is a translation. . Lieutenant Beall made the translation." "Is it a correct translation of the cipher?
"I believe it to be."

'Did Beall so state to you or did he hand to you as a correct translation?"
"He handed that to me as a correct translation of the original dispatch in ciphe and I believe it correct."

and I believe it correct."

"Now I will ask you whether according to the best of your knowledge and belief and your best recollection of the subject you delivered on the 27th of May to Commodore Schley the dispatch?"

"To the best of my knowledge and belief I delivered a copy of that dispatch to Schley on May 27 off Santiago, Cuba, and that is one of the dispatches to which I referred as having delivered. To the best of my knowledge I delivered a copy of that my knowledge I delivered a copy of that dispatch because it was important information for him and he was mentioned by name in the dispatch."
Ultimately Mr. Rayner consented to ac

cept the copy as correct Proposed Communication With In surgents.

This point being settled counsel for the department passed to the point concerning the proposition of Lieutenant Beall to com municate with the Cuban insurgents on shore, and in doing so, caused another ob jection to be raised by Mr. Rayner. The question was put by Mr. Hanna, who said: "I will ask you whether you would have track of the Spanish squadron."

Admiral Cotton said that the copy which he had read had been retained by him. He whole duty, having knowledge of this. if

you had not communicated with commo Mr. Rayner indicated an objection, say-"You are not pressing a question of

witness has already stated that very fact."

Mr. Rayner—"He gave that as a reason for verifying his recollection, but the question is asked here whether he performed his duty."

Admiral Dewey—"As the witness said that he considered he had done his whole duty, I think he has answered that I was struck with that very phrase, and I thought how much time we were wasting asking the same question over and over Mr. Hanna was not, however, entirely satisfied with the status of the matter

as thus left, and said he did not ask it for purposes of repetition, but because th question was very important and had not been precisely answered. "We have," said e, "an order from the department saying: 'The department looks to you to ascertain facts,' etc. We wish to know whether this was done or not as a part, and an essential part, of this is the suggestion that the insurgents could have been communicated with. Here comes the commanding officer of the Harvard with an offer and ready-made means of communication with the insurgents. We desire to know whether that offer was communicated to Commo-dore Schley at that time and on the 27th of May, not on the 31st or any other day. In order to fix this witness' recollection his attention is directed to this question, and it is a very important question. Three years have clapsed, and it is necessary that such aids as we can present to wit-ness be given. The admiral has stated that to the best of his knowledge and belief he did have this conversation on May 27.

Now, I wish to ask you whether you kn of this instruction of the department?" "I did." "I would like to know whether, knowing of that, you consider by any possibility you would have omitted to communicate with Commodore Schley?"
"I should think not."

Wise's Remark to Philip. At 3:25 Admiral Cotton was excused and Capt. William C. Wise, who was in command of the auxiliary cruiser Yale during the summer of 1898, was called to the witness stand. He told of his reconnoitering about Santiago harbor on May 20 and May 23, prior to the arrival of the flying squadron. He said he had not been able to see anything of the Spanish fleet.

Captain Wise related how he had come his, it up with the flying squadron off Santiago

The judge advocate, at Admiral Dewey's concret thirteer made a was instance, invited attention to the dispatch, as follows:

"WASHINGTON, May 20, 1898.—Yale, This was body.

just as it had begun its retrograde move-ment on the 27th of May, and told of his exchange of signais with Captain Philip the Texas. Mr. Hanna questioned him, asking;
"As I understood you, when you picked

up the flying squadron they were formed for the westward movement?"
"Yes," was the reply. "In other words, the Texas had completed her turn and the Merrimac was still in the turn."

"Did you pass near any of the vessels?"
"I passed close to the Texas and ex-changed salutations with Captain Philip. Captain Philip asked me where the Span-ish squadron was. I answered: 'Navy De-partment said they were in Santiago.' He asked me where we thought they were. I said: I firmly believe they are in there."

Mr. Raylier objected to this line of testimony, saying that it was in the nature of a report of a conversation between Captains Wise and Philip, and Inadmissi The court sustained the objection, and

Had No Personal Knowledge. "What information had you that led you to believenthe Spanish squadron to be at

then put some questions of its own, which, together with the answers, were as fol-

Santiago May 27?"
"The same information that was received from the Navy Department. I will state that if they were there on the 20th they not Peave I am perfectly satisfied they did not leave while we were there."

Judge advocate—"I am reminded by the court that this refers particularly to information that you have."

"I received my dispatch from the Navy Department on the 20th that the Opanish squadron had arrived on the 19th in San-

tiago."
"Had you any personal knowledge?" By the court-"Did you report to the senior officer present the information upon which you based your belief regarding the

ocation of the Spanish squadron on that "As stated first, I was intercepted by the order from Commodore Schley from the Vixen to take the Merrimac in tow. Captain Sigsbee of the St. Paul immedi-ately went on board. The Brooklyn was a mile and a half shead. I immediately went to the Merrimac and made acceptation.

form every vessel off Santiago de Cuba fly-ing squadron is off Cienfuegos, and that orders have been sent today to proceed with all possible dispatch for Santiago de

nd the Minneapolis and I notified Captain Philip the same thing."

The court then adjourned until 11 o'clock today, saying that it would hold only one ession today and would take a recess in

The Associated Press, from its headquarters in New York, yesterday sent over its wires to all newspapers receiving its service the following:

"General Order. "At a late meeting of the board of directors a resolution was passed thanking 'Howard Thompson 'Charles Thompson,

"Martin Egan,

"George Edward Graham, "H. A. Wells,

"John A. Gross, and "F. M. Barber for exceptional service rendered in Bufalo in connection with the assassination of the President.
"MELVILLE E. STONE,
"General Manager."

TO RECEIVE LINCOLN'S REMAINS. Concreted Grave Being Prepared Un

A dispatch from Springfield, Ill., says: The emains of Abraham Lincoln will soon be put away for all time, never to be disturbed again, in accordance with the wish of his son, Robert T. Lincoln. An excavation fifteen feet deep is being made beneath the vault where they now rest, and in this the casket will be placed. It will be surrounded by an iron cage, which is to be imbedded in and made a part of a solid concrete block eight by eight feet and thirteen feet long. The transfer will be made after the return of Governor Yates. This will make the twelfth removal of the body.

"I sincerely hope and trust that you will a sincerely hope and trust that you will be a sincerely hope and trust that you will a sincerely hope and trust that you will be a sincerely hope and trust that you will be a sincerely hope and trust that you will be a sincerely hope and trust that you will be a sincerely hope and trust that you will be a sincerely hope and trust that you will be a sincerely

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# Top Coats. \$7.50 Top Coats, A One-Day Special.

Not a moment longer than the day's business-but the men who get in during Friday can congratulate themselves on saving an even third of the price of a High-grade Top

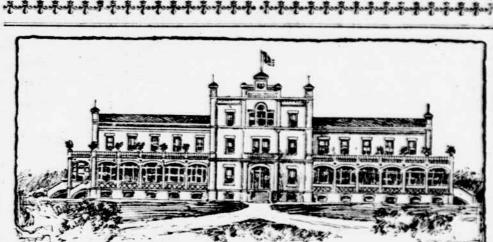
They are \$7.50 Top Coats, just from the hands of the tailors, made of fine tan covert-and you have our word of honor that overcoats of equal quality and make have never been sold for less than \$7.50 to \$10.00.

As for quality-the Hecht guarantee protects you to the fullest. If it doesn't wear satisfactorily a new coat is yours and no questions asked. You alone are the judge.

For Friday Only— \$5.00. New \$7.50 Top Coats—\$5.00.

Men's Fine Hair Line Cassimere Pants-\$2.50 Grade -

Of course, you're interested in the pants subject-every man is. These trousers are of wool cassimere, neat hair line effects, suitable for dress or evening wear, and they are in all sizes. \$2.50 is what you'd pay most places-they're special here tomorrow at \$1.50.



CORNER STONE TO BE LAID

CEREMONIES AT RUPPERT HOME AT 4 P. M. Today.

Address to Be Delivered by Mr. Simon Wolf-Articles Intended

The corner stone of the Christian and o'clock this afternoon. A program of appropriate ceremonies has been arranged by signs, worth up to 35c. yard- the Grand Lodge, F. A. A. M., of the District. At the conclusion of the exercises a Ladies' Black Mercerized Under- light lunch will be served at the German Orphan Asylum by the ladies' societies of that institution.

The assemblage will be called to order by Mr. Simon Wolf, president of the board of directors of the home. Prayer will be offered by Rev. Dr. Gustave Facius, which will be followed by a song by the Washington Saengerbund. The corner stone will sizes, unusually well made, ex- then be laid according to the Masonic rites. The box which will be placed in proceedings of the Masonic Grand Lodge for the year 1900, copy of the constitution of the lodge, together with a Masonic calendar for the year 1901. Also a copy of the last will of Christian Ruppert, a list of the names of the board of directors, offlare bottoms, remarkably priced of the board, building committee, architects, contractor; a copy of the constitution and by-laws and the last report of German Orphan Asylum and a list of the officers, a copy of The Star, Post and Times of this city of September 26; a copy ommon-sense Lace Shoes for old ladies, very comfortable and easy, \$1.50 quality—83c.

of the Weekly Journal, German; a copy of the Baltimore Correspondent, September 26, 1991; photographs of Mr. and Mrs. Christian Ruppert; a copy of the Architects' and Builders' Journal of May, 1991, containing picture of building and plans of the home; list of officers of board of directors home; list of officers of board of directors of the Concordia Lutheran Church, in which Mr. and Mrs. Ruppert worshiped list of officers of DeMolay Commandery

Knights Templar, of which Mr. Ruppers was a member; coins of 1901, to wit, 1c. 5c., 10c., 25c., 50c. and \$1. Mr. Wolf's Address. Addresses will be delivered by Commis-

sioner John W. Ross and by Mr. Simon

Wolf. The latter will say: "The Declaration of Independence was he laying of the corner stone of American liberty and independence. The Constitution framed thereunder was the culmina tion and highest exposition of human ge-nius. So the laying of the corner stone to-Cuba. Long. The court asks why that order was not carried out."

Captain Wise said in reply:

"I informed the St. Paul, the Harvard of the Christian and Eleanora Ruppert Home is the commencement of a charity broad and liberal, which will culminate in a few months hence in the dedication, and which will in due time shelter the infirm and indigent of our district, irrespective of

faith and nationality. This is not the time or place to amplify session today and would take a recess in the afternoon in order to permit those connected with it to attend the funeral of Mr. Wilson, recent counsel for Admiral Schley.

NEWSPAPER MEN PRAISED.

Associated Press Extends a Vote of Associated Press Extends a Vote of Church in which he worshiped and the Gerchurch in which he was proman Orphan Asylum in which he was pro-foundly interested, devised that the balance of his estate should be used for the purpose of erecting a home for the aged and indigent of the District of Columbia, and that an endowment fund should be created to care for its inmates. This generous wish of his would have been amply fulfilled had there been no legal contest by his own kith and kin who were justified by law in pursuing the course they did, and which prevented for nine years the accom-

plishment of his ardent desire and wish

"Naturally this litigation involved not

only heavy expenses, but it also led to a

deterioration of the real estate intrusted to the executors and trustees under his last will. So that, mildly speaking, at least

one hundred thousand dollars have been lost to the estate in consequence of this unfortunate condition of things, and while there is ample means to erect and furnish the home and have a monthly income, yet this monthly income will be inadequate to the needs and requirements of the home. I therefore, in this informal way, ask one and all of you, men and women of the Dis-trict of Columbia, many of you were intimately acquainted with the generous do-nor and his noble wife, to aid the board of directors in maintaining this splendid charity, one of the most deserving and one which appeals to each and every one of us, for there is nothing more unfortunate

RUPPERT HOME. co-operate with us on every line leading to the prosperity and perpetuity of this home, so that not only the names of Christian and Eleanora Ruppert shall go down the ages as blessed and honored, but that also your own names shall be linked

with theirs in this beneficent and exalted work." Those Expected to Be Present.

A selection by a Masonic choir will conclude the exercises. Major Sylvester has accepted an invitation to be present, and will have a detail of police on the grounds. A general invitation has also been extended to the Masonic fraternity of the District to be pre-Commissioner Macfarland, who was

also invited, has sent a letter of regret at his inability to be present. The Ruppert Home is located on the Good Hope road, a short distance beyond Anacostia. After its completion, about May 1 next, it will be dedicated as a home for the aged of both sexes, irrespective of nationality or religious creed. The home will be of

inmates, with their attendants. It is being built according to the terms of the will of Christian Ruppert, who, before his death in 1892, was a wealthy merchant of this Board of Directors and Committees The board of directors consists of: Simon Wolf, president; Charles Graff, vice presi dent: Myer Cohen, secretary and treasurer Jacob J. Appich, Frederick C. Gieseking Wm. G. Johnson, George H. Plant, Louis Faber and Christian Heurich. Mr. Heurich

Emmert, who died three years ago.

Builders' committee, Jacob J. Appich,
chairman; Frederick C. Gieseking, treasurer; Geo. H. Plant, jr., secretary; Charles Graff and Christian Heurich. Architect, John L. Smithmyer; George Didden, assistant. Contractor, William Henderson

Praying for President McKinley'

Already many may have experienced a

was appointed a member in place of George

shock to, if not an eclipse of, their religious faith because the prayers offered the wide world around with so much sincerity and earnestness for the recovery of President McKinley were not answered, as devout believers expected they would be. And yet the outcome does no violence to Christian truth as revealed in the Scriptures and to th tory. The expectation, born of universal and ardent prayer, that the wounded President would recover, was based upon distinct misapprehensions: First, the undefined but very general and real conviction that God can be constrained to the expression of sufficiently importunate and intense to in the Scriptures or in general history for this impression Second, that God will stay the operation of physical laws in an swer to prayer. This feeling has no war-rant. Natural laws and processes are of God, and they are and must be inviolable; if not, the world and all life therein might at any moment be hurled into chaos and ruin. The law which makes it inevitable that the deadly bullet will kill an animal or the humblest man, operates no less fatally in the case of king, emperor or president And when it is done, it is done; prayer never has caused, nor have we any sound reason to expect that it ever will, a stay of natural and mortal consequences. Third, it should never be forgotten by Christian disciples that the highest form of prayer always flowers in complete submission to the will of God. Prayer which seeks only certain human ends, which assaults the

is really a very low type of petition. It is, too, born of human concelt, as if the short-sighted petitioner knew better what the Divine Being ought to do.

Not so did Jesus and Paul pray. Jesus asked to have the "cup taken from" Him, and Paul to have the thorn removed. Neither prayer was answered; but a wiser and holler result came to Jesus and to Paul-perfect submission to the will of God as each had also prayed. Those who have now lived through the shock, the agony and the lessons of the assassinations of Lincoln, Garfield and McKinley, learn not to expect less from God in such crucial hours, but the more intelligently to submit all our cares, desires and grief to our Heavenly Father.

throne of God as if to compel compliance

Shall we not pray, then, in such crisis? Certainly. We cannot help it. Prayer rises to the lips of all as the involuntary, almost unconscious language of the soul. And though we get not what we pray for And though we get not what we pray for, we are divinely strengthened to suffer and to bear that which has become inevitable. Praying at the hearthstone, in the church, on the street, in the lonely night hour, did not restore President McKinley to health; but God poured His Holy Spirit upon and into the hearts of the American problem of the street, in the lone of the American problem. people to freshly inspire and gird them for the civic duties and responsibilities of the

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